

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 11-30-2015

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Hill and Knowlton Strategies, LLC

3301

- (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

607 14th NW Suite 300

Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

- (a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes ☐ No ☐(2) Citizenship Yes ☐ No ☐(3) Occupation Yes ☐ No ☐

- (b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes ☐ No ☒(2) Ownership or control Yes ☐ No ☒(3) Branch offices Yes ☐ No ☒

- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C
- <sup>1</sup>
- , state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position

Date Connection Ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Residence Address

Citizenship

Position

Date Assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name

Residence Address

Citizenship

Position

Date Assumed

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position or Connection

Date Terminated

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position or Connection

Foreign Principal

Date Terminated

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

## II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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Egyptian Ministry of Tourism

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes ☒ No ☐Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See attached Exhibit A

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

<sup>5</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
See attached Exhibit B			

Total

## (b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## (c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose

<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
See attached Exhibit B			

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**Total**

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
 Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

- (b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?  
 Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Egyptian Ministry of Tourism

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams  
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- ☒ Email  
☐ Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Other (specify) Invitation to lecture by Dr. Hawaas, a famous archeologist from Egypt

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☐ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries  
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions  
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups  
☒ Other (specify) Media representatives

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?  
 Yes ☒ No ☐

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.





**Hill and Knowlton Strategies, LLC**

**Registration No. 3301**

**Supplemental Statement for period ending November 30, 2015**

**Exhibit A - Answer to Question 11  
Activities for Foreign Principals**

**Princess Bint Al Hussein** - Registrant provides media and public relations consulting to the foreign principal with the goal of enhancing, through the western media, awareness of the foreign principal's international humanitarian, philanthropic and volunteer work. Much of registrant's work is done outside of the U.S. Registrant accompanies foreign principal on humanitarian trips and to events and conferences relevant to her humanitarian, philanthropic and volunteer work. Registrant accompanied the foreign principal to a Path to Peace Foundation dinner in New York, where she was honored for her humanitarian work. The dinner was hosted by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN (the Pope's UN ambassador).

**Tokyo Electric Power Company** - Registrant provides media monitoring and media reports for the foreign principal.

**Egyptian Ministry of Tourism**

- Pitched tourism and archeology stories in support of Dr. Hawass' US lecture tour
- Met with reporters to discuss opportunities
- Staffed interviews with reporters
- Invited media to attend Dr. Hawass' lectures
- Created media report on coverage

**Exhibit B**  
**Answers for Questions 14(a) and 15(a)**

**QUESTION 14(a) – Receipts of Monies**

14(a): Princess Haya – receipts of monies

DATE	FROM WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
6/1/15-11/30/15	Princess Haya	Professional Services/Consulting	\$131,274.72
6/1/15-11/30/15	Princess Haya	Consulting for services by H+K London, intercompany fees	\$193,614.84
6/1/15-11/30/15	Princess Haya	Payment for expenses incurred on behalf of Princess Haya (billable)	\$13,683.08
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$338,572.64</b>

14(a): Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)– receipts of monies

DATE	FROM WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
6/1/15-11/30/15	Munger Tolles & Olsen LLP, counsel for TEPCO, paying on behalf of TEPCO	Media Monitoring	\$17,872.50
6/1/15-11/30/15	Munger Tolles & Olsen LLP, counsel for TEPCO, paying on behalf of TEPCO	Payment for expenses incurred on behalf of TEPCO	\$359.49
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$18,231.99</b>

14(a): Egyptian Government– receipts of monies

DATE	FROM WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
6/1/15-11/30/15	Egyptian Ministry of Tourism	Professional Services/Consulting in Chicago	\$4185.00
6/1/15-	Egyptian Ministry of Tourism	Professional	\$4357.50

11/30/15		Services/Consulting in Washington DC	
6/1/15- 11/30/15	Egyptian Ministry of Tourism	Professional Services/Consulting in New York	\$4787.50
6/1/15- 11/30/15	Egyptian Ministry of Tourism	Professional Services/Consulting in Dallas	\$7560.00
6/1/15- 11/30/15	Egyptian Ministry of Tourism	Professional Services/Consulting in Houston	\$4165.00
TOTAL			\$25,055.00

**QUESTION 15(a) - Disbursements of Monies**

15(a): Princess Haya - disbursements of monies

DATE	TO WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
10/11/15	Unites airlines	Airfare DC to Dubai	\$6704.20
10/11/15	Taxi/Car Service	Residence to IAD airport	\$108.39
10/16/15	United airlines	Extension of trip to Dubai	\$832.00
10/16/15	Taxi/Car service	IAD to residence	\$65.50
10/31/15	Taxi/Car service	Residence to IAD	\$84.00
11/7/15	Taxi/Car services	IAD to residence	\$66.96
11/14/15	United Airlines	One-way airfare IAD to Dubai	\$5261.20
11/14/15	Taxi/car service	Residence to IAD	\$84.00
11/19/15	Taxi/car service	Union Station to residence	\$41.20
11/19/15	Amtrack	Union Station to NYC	\$304.00
11/30/15	Meal	Meal for Ron Hutcheson and Paul Hijazin	\$102.57
11/30/15	Taxi/Car Service	Four Seasons to Home after meeting	\$16.76
11/30/15	Taxi/Car Service	to residence	\$12.30
6/10/15	Six/Half Dozen	Graphics/Design	\$2812.50
6/1/15-11/30/15	H+K London	Intercompany fees	\$190,802.34
10/22/15	Non-billable expenses -	Professional fees	\$17,462.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$224,760.42</b>

15(a): Tokyo Electric Power Company- disbursements of monies

DATE	TO WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
6/1/15-11/30/15	Office Services	Monthly fee for administrative expenses related to services	\$359.49
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$359.49</b>

**15(a): Egyptian Government – disbursements of monies**

**None.**

Appendix 1  
Informational Materials distributed to media via email  
Invitation to Dr. Hawass's lecture

Hello,

I'm contacting XXXXX about World-renowned Archaeologist and former Egyptian Minister of Antiquities, Dr. Zahi Hawass' visit to Dallas on Friday, Oct. 23, for a private lecture at the Rosewood Crescent. Dr. Hawass will discuss the possibility of a new discovery - the location of the burial site of Queen Nefertiti, the stepmother of King Tut. New evidence suggests Nefertiti's tomb may be in a secret chamber inside King Tut's tomb. Would you be interested in attending?

Dr. Hawass has been raising awareness of archaeology and the preservation of Egypt's precious heritage for more than 30 years. The Egyptian Tourism Authority is sponsoring his trip to the United States to promote Egyptian tourism and his new book, *"Inside the Egyptian Museum with Zahi Hawass."*

Here is a link and short description to Dr. Hawass' new book: <http://www.drhawass.com/wp/dr-zahis-new-e-book-is-out-now/>

With *Inside the Egyptian Museum with Zahi Hawass*, the world-renowned archaeologist Dr Zahi Hawass presents his first e-book and takes the reader on a marvellous journey through the museum's stunning treasures, introducing his favourite objects on display and those artefacts that he considers essential to understanding the ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Other topics Dr. Hawass may discuss include the impact of ISIL's destruction of antiquities in Syria and Iraq and the safety and security of Egypt.

I'm also including links to relevant articles about the possible discovery of Queen Nefertiti.

If you are interested in learning more, scheduling an interview in advance or attending the lecture, I can be reached at [sophia.reza@hkstrategies.com](mailto:sophia.reza@hkstrategies.com) or 214-613-0230.

Thanks,

Sophia

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/10/01/egypt-queen-nefertiti-king-tutankhamen/73153332/>

**Researchers: Nefertiti may be in Tut's tomb**

Jacob Wirschafter, Special for USA TODAY 10:07 a.m. EDT October 2, 2015

**New evidence suggests Queen Nefertiti's tomb might be concealed behind the walls of Tutankhamun's burial chamber.**

CAIRO — Archaeologists in Egypt said Thursday they could be on the brink of answering one of the oldest questions about one of the world's oldest civilizations.

The discovery of two secret chambers in King Tutankhamen's tomb in the Valley of the Kings at Luxor caused researchers to speculate it could contain the long-sought resting place of Queen Nefertiti.

"We are likely on the verge of the discovery matching that of King Tut's tomb," Egyptian Antiquities Minister Mamdouh al-Damaty said Thursday at a news conference.

Frescoes on the north and west walls of Tutankhamen's tomb cover the two doorways to the secret chambers. University of Arizona Egyptologist Nicholas Reeves said he discovered the outlines of doorways under the frescoes' paint and plaster using high-resolution digital scans.

"This is a conclusion based upon completely new evidence yielded by a technology to which previous generations had no access — the digital



scanning of surfaces," Reeves said at the news conference. "More extraordinary still, it looks as if one of these doorways may lead to the burial of Nefertiti herself."

He said the scans bolster those who believe Nefertiti became a rare female pharaoh. A longtime proponent of that theory, Reeves said he believes Tutankhamen's death mask and other funerary objects could have been originally designed for Nefertiti.

King Tut's mask, for example, has ear piercings, suggesting whoever wore it also wore earrings. Young men during Tutankhamen's era didn't wear earrings, Reeves said.

Tutankhamen's tomb has perplexed scholars because it's not as large as other pharaoh's tombs. He was called the "boy king" because he died around age 19 after nine years on the throne. Reeves and others speculate Tut shared Nefertiti's tomb because of a lack of alternatives.

Made famous by the exquisite ancient bust that depicts her as a beautiful woman with high cheekbones and suntanned skin, Nefertiti was chief consort to Ikhnaton, a pharaoh who ruled ancient Egypt almost 3,400 years ago.

She's always been a highly controversial figure. Nefertiti and her husband promoted a then-revolutionary monotheistic style of sun worship as an alternative to the religion touted by priests who also served as powerful bureaucrats in the Egyptian kingdom.

Later pharaohs branded the monotheism as heresy and erased Ikhnaton and Nefertiti from Egyptian records.

Egyptologists continue to debate whether Nefertiti became a pharaoh herself under the name Smenkhkare when her husband died after his 17-year reign, potentially in a bid to preserve their monotheistic religion.

Smenkhkare's rule ended after only two years. Though scholars dispute whether Smenkhkare was a man or a woman, he or she was succeeded by

Nefertiti's stepson, Tutankhamen, the most famous pharaoh in history.

The discovery of Nefertiti's grave within King Tut's tomb would be the culmination of five years of analysis by Reeves. The Egyptologist has studied scans of the walls in the chamber that were originally intended to help future preservationists.

The traffic of millions of tourists each year has hastened the deterioration of frescoes since archaeologist Howard Carter discovered King Tut's tomb and the extraordinary treasure trove of artifacts it contained — including Tut's famous ornate gold death mask — nearly a century ago.

Critics said Reeves is too committed to his theories about Nefertiti to be objective about what might lie inside the secret chambers, if they in fact exist.

"I had already headed an Egyptian excavation mission in the Valley of the Kings and proved that the claim was invalid," said Zahi Hawass, a former Egyptian Antiquities minister who starred in the one-season run of The History Channel's Chasing Mummies, in an interview with the Cairo daily newspaper Al Masri al Youm.

"Perhaps the ministry should have assigned a neutral team to conduct the examination so as to assert credibility," Hawass said.

University of California-Los Angeles archaeologist Kara Cooney, who has written a biography of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's most successful female ruler, said Reeves is a serious scholar who she hopes is on to something.

"Reeves does not have a Nefertiti complex," Cooney said. "He's just trying to understand how somebody is reusing a funerary assemblage. It seems to belong to somebody who is feminine rather than masculine."

Antiquities Minister El-Damaty said he intends to pursue further research, including deeper X-ray scans to verify or disprove Reeve's hypothesis. Deeper scans could shed light on why Tut's tomb is so small, why he appears to wear a mask designed for a woman and other markers that cast

doubt on him being the only pharaoh in the chambers, Cooney said.

"These strange tell-tale markers make Nicholas Reeves say that something else is going on," she said. "Maybe it belongs to somebody else. Maybe it belongs to Nefertiti."

<http://time.com/4059057/nefertiti-tomb-egypt-tutankhamen/>

### **Archaeologists Suspect King Tut's Tomb May Hold Nefertiti's Remains as Well**

Oct. 2, 2015

**Authorities say that it could be the most important discovery of the century**

Egyptian officials said Thursday that the tomb of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen may also hold the remains of his legendary stepmother Queen Nefertiti, whose final resting place has long eluded researchers and archaeologists.

If the suspicion, fostered by British Egyptologist Nicholas Reeves, who is currently in Cairo, is correct, it will be the "most important discovery of the 21st century," Egyptian Antiquities Minister Mamduh al-Damati told reporters, Agence France-Presse reports.

Reeves has postulated that covered lines on the decorated walls of King Tut's burial chamber — first discovered nearly a century ago — could in fact be two hidden doors, one of which might lead to Nefertiti's crypt.

"This is a conclusion based upon completely new evidence yielded by a technology to which previous generations had no access — the digital scanning of surfaces," Reeves said at a news conference, USA Today reported. "More extraordinary still, it looks as if one of these doorways may lead to the burial of Nefertiti herself."

Al-Damati — who said he is "70% certain" that an investigation will prove successful — is working to gain permission to use advanced radar technology to survey the tomb in November.

Some scholars have speculated that Nefertiti and Tutankhamen share a tomb because of the latter's sudden death: faced with no other alternatives, those responsible for his interment placed him in the tomb intended for his stepmother.

<http://news.discovery.com/history/archaeology/king-tuts-beard-to-be-fixed-151012.htm>

King Tut's Beard To Be Fixed

OCT 12, 2015 09:31 AM ET // BY ROSSELLA LORENZI

Restorers are at work on King Tutankhamun's beard, Egypt's state-run news agency MENA said.

According to the report, the restoration began on Saturday and is being carried out by a German-Egyptian team of restorers led by specialist Christian Eckmann.

"Tutankhamun's mask has been transferred from its exhibition hall to another room in the museum that has been turned into a restoration laboratory," antiquities department spokeswoman Mushira Mussa told Middle East online.

#### Tut's Funeral: Burying the Boy King

The intervention takes place more than a year after the long, narrow, blue and gold beard suffered a botched repair.

Braided like a pigtail with the end jutting forward, the beard was unintentionally severed from the chin in August 2014 by workers adjusting the lighting in the case holding the priceless artifact.

Panicked curators did further damage by hastily gluing the beard back onto the fragile 3,300-year-old mask with fast-drying epoxy normally used for wood or metal.

#### Weird Facts About King Tut and His Mummy

Moreover, the glue was used abundantly, causing it to flow along the beard and chin.

News about the botched repair broke in January, followed by a press conference by Egypt's antiquities ministry. At the news conference German restorer Christian Eckmann told reporters that the mask can be properly restored after the glue is removed.

One of the top attractions at the museum, the mask is made of gold and inlaid with stone, faience and glass. It was placed over the boy king's face after his death around 1323 B.C. at the age of 19.

The beard was loose when British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered King Tut's treasure-packed tomb in 1922 in Egypt's Valley of the Kings. It was re-affixed with adhesive in 1941.

#### King Tut's Tomb May Hide Nefertiti's Secret Grave

According to Eckmann, the glue likely loosened over the decades, leading to the accident last summer.

It is not yet known when the mask will be returned to its display case at the museum.